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Mr. Don Yale
Dayton Bag & Burlap Company
322 Davis Avenue
Dayton, OH 45403

OFFICE OF
PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND
TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Dear Mr. Yale:

We are writing in response to your concerns about the potential use of unregistered pesticides on burlap, jute or Hessian natural fabric. These products are used by growers of woody ornamentals, evergreen shrubbery and conifers who use the balled and burlap (B&B) method for packaging, handling and shipping harvested plants. Nursery operators should be aware that burlap, jute or Hessian natural fabric treated for "rot resistance" must be treated with a pesticide that has been approved and registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for that use.

According to our records, there are no active registrations containing copper ammonium sulfate as the active ingredient for incorporation into burlap. Therefore, it would be a violation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to distribute or sell, including import into the U.S., a treated product with copper ammonium sulfate which is not registered by EPA and which treated product makes claims of materials preservation, unless the treated product itself is registered by EPA. Companies that violate FIFRA are subject to enforcement action.

I hope this information has been helpful. Questions about treated article claims can be referred to the Antimicrobials Ombudsman at 703/308-6432.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Sanders", written over a horizontal line.

Frank T. Sanders, Director
Antimicrobials Division



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